

DMX Mega Strobe™ II

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USER MANUAL



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1. Before You Begin

Unpacking Instructions

Immediately upon receiving a product, carefully unpack the carton, check the contents to ensure that all parts are present, and have been received in good condition. Notify the shipper immediately and retain packing material for inspection if any parts appear damaged from shipping or the carton itself shows signs of mishandling. **Save the carton and all packing materials.** In the event that a fixture must be returned to the factory, it is important that the fixture be returned in the original factory box and packing.

Note: If you should require sending any items back to CHAUVET, call CHAUVET for a (RMA) Return Merchandise Authorization number. The factory will not allow any shipments without an RMA.

Your shipment includes the following:

- 1 x DMX Mega Strobe™ II
- CH-750B lamp (installed)
- Warranty Card
- Users Manual

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Important Safety Information



This product is designed for professional use. It is not intended for use in a household environment. This product presents risks of lethal or severe injury due to fire and heat, electric shock, ultraviolet radiation, lamp explosion, and injury from falls. **Read this manual** before installing or powering the fixture, follow the safety precautions listed below and observe all warnings in this manual and on the fixture. If you have any questions about how to operate the fixture safely, please contact CHAUVET.

Protection against Electric Shock

- Always disconnect from AC power source before servicing or replacing lamp or fuse and be sure to replace with same lamp source.
- All Class I fixtures must be connected to circuits with a suitable Earth Ground.
- To prevent risk of fire or shock, do not expose fixture to rain or moisture. Make sure there are no flammable materials close to the unit while operating.
- Do not operate the fixture if covers are open or if any internal component is missing or damaged: an unshielded discharge lamp emits dangerous UV radiation that can cause burns and eye damage.
- Make sure power cord is never crimped or damaged.
- Never disconnect power cord by pulling or tugging on the cord.

Protection against Fire & Burns

- This product is designed to be used with very specific lamp(s). Use of any other type of lamp not stated in this manual may create a fire hazard due to possible risk of lamp explosion. Using the wrong type of lamp in this product VOIDS the warranty.
- Always make sure that you are connecting to the proper voltage and that the line voltage you are connecting to is not higher than that stated on decal or rear panel of the fixture.
- The unit must be installed in a location with adequate ventilation, at least 50cm from adjacent surfaces. Be sure that no ventilation slots are blocked.
- Maintain a minimum distance of 1 meter (3.28 feet) from combustible materials.
- Allow this product to cool for a minimum of 15 minutes before opening, handling or removing the lamp in this product.
- Maximum ambient temperature is Ta: 40°. Do not operate fixture at temperatures higher than this.

Protection against exposure to (UV) Ultraviolet Radiation

- Avoid direct eye exposure to lamp while it is on.
- Do not operate the fixture if covers are open or if any internal component is missing or damaged.

Protection against Injury to persons

- Secure fixture to fastening device using a safety chain.
- A hot lamp is an explosion hazard. Do not open fixture for a minimum of 15 minutes after switching off. Wear eye and hand protection when re-lamping.
- Fixture surface may reach temperatures of up to 160° C (320° F). Handle fixture after it cools.
- In the event of serious operating problem, stop using the unit immediately. Never try to repair the unit by yourself. Repairs carried out by unskilled people can lead to damage or malfunction. Please contact the nearest authorized technical assistance center. Always use the same type spare parts.

Caution!

There are no user serviceable parts inside the unit. Do not open the housing or attempt any repairs yourself. In the unlikely event your unit may require service, please contact CHAUVET.

2. Introduction

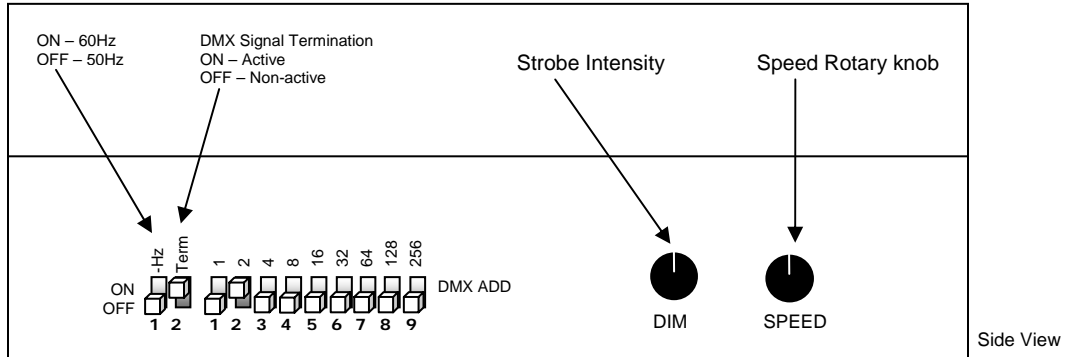
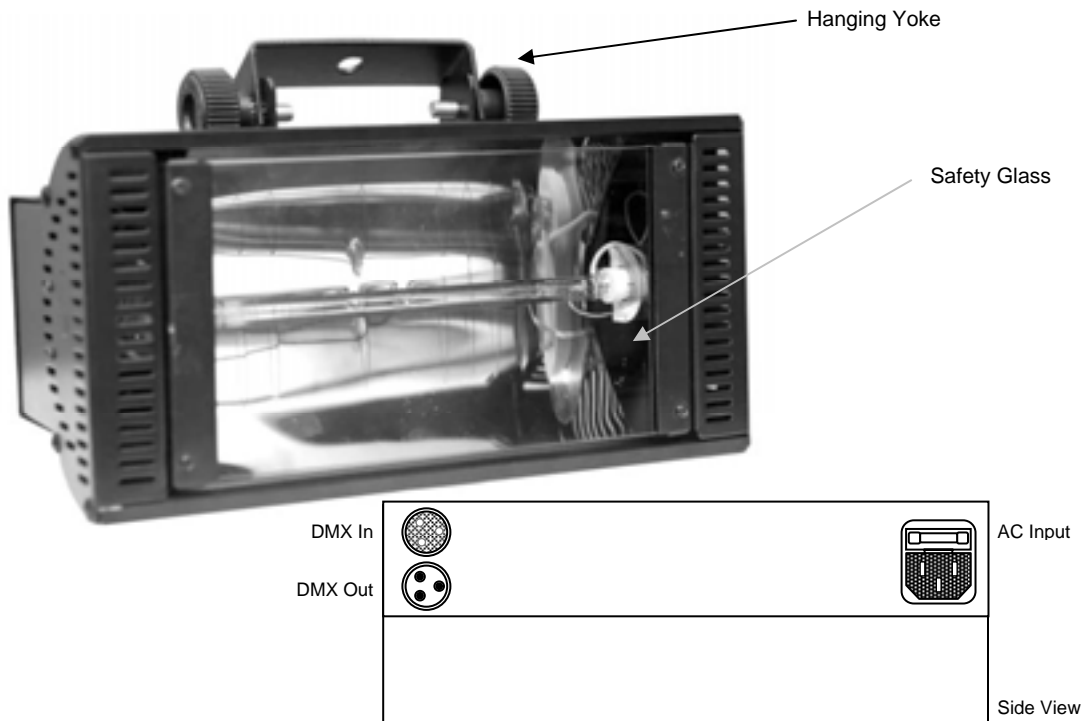
Features

- 2-channel 750-watts DMX-512 strobe light
- Adjustable flash rate 1-20fps
- Variable electronic dimmer (0-100%)
- Manual dimmer and flash rate knobs
- 10 million-flash life

DMX Channel Summary

Channel	Function
1	Flash Rate
2	Flash Intensity

Product Overview



3. Setup

AC Power

Warning!

Verify that the power requirement label on your unit matches the line voltage applied. All fixtures must be connected to circuits with a suitable Earth Ground.

- To determine the power requirements for a particular fixture, see the label affixed to the back plate of the fixture or refer to the fixture's specifications chart.
- A fixture's listed current rating is its average current draw under normal conditions.
- All fixtures must be powered directly off a switched circuit and cannot be run off a rheostat (variable resistor) or dimmer circuit, even if the rheostat or dimmer channel is used solely for a 0% to 100% switch.
- Before applying power to a fixture, check that the source voltage matches the fixture's requirement.
- All fixtures must be connected to circuits with a suitable Earth Ground.

Power Cable Configuration

CABLE	Pin	International	Screw Color
BROWN	Live	L	Yellow or Brass
BLUE	Neutral	N	Silver
YELLOW/GREEN	Earth	EG (Ground)	Green

Mounting

Orientation

This fixture can be mounted on a truss using a clamp in any position or against a flat surface using the brackets provided.

Rigging

The fixture includes a mounting yoke to which 1 rigging clamp can be bolted. You must supply your own clamp and make sure the clamp is capable of supporting the weight of this fixture. You can order C-clamps from any CHAUVET dealer or distributor.

Hanging Clamp



1. Block access below the work area and use suitable and stable platform when installing or servicing fixture.
2. Align the clamp screw with the center hole on the yoke and tighten.
3. Verify the structure can hold 10 times the weight of all to-be installed fixtures.
4. Adjust the angle on the yoke arm as necessary.
5. Always use a safety cable or chain as a secondary source of attachment. The safety cable must hold 10 times the weight of the fixture. If safety cable attachment point is provided that is permanently affixed to the surface or body of the fixture, use that instead of looping through a hanging yoke/arm.

Fixture Linking

You will need a serial data link to run light shows of one or more fixtures using a DMX-512 controller or to run synchronized shows on two or more fixtures set to a master/slave operating mode. The combined number of channels required by all the fixtures on a serial data link determines the number of fixtures the data link can support.

The Thruster™ fixtures use 2 channels of DMX control.

Important: Fixtures on a serial data link must be daisy chained in one single line. To comply with the EIA-485 standard no more than 32 devices should be connected on one data link. Connecting more than 32 fixtures on one serial data link without the use of a DMX optically isolated splitter may result in deterioration of the digital DMX signal.

Maximum recommended serial data link distance: 500 meters (1640 ft.)

Maximum recommended number of fixtures on a serial data link: 32 fixtures

Data Cabling

To link fixtures together you must obtain data cables. You can purchase CHAUVET certified DMX cables directly from a dealer/distributor or construct your own cable. If you choose to create your own cable please use data-grade cables that can carry a high quality signal and are less prone to electromagnetic interference.

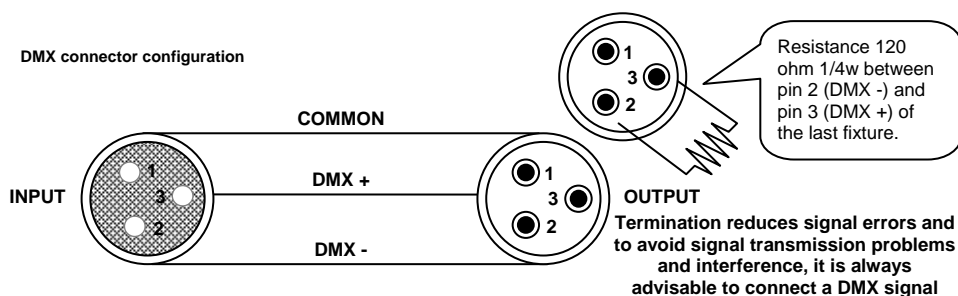
DMX Data Cable

Use a Belden® 9841 or equivalent cable which meets the specifications for EIA RS-485 applications. Standard microphone cables cannot transmit DMX data reliably over long distances. The cable will have the following characteristics:

- 2-conductor twisted pair plus a shield
- Maximum capacitance between conductors – 30 pF/ft.
- Maximum capacitance between conductor and shield – 55 pF/ft.
- Maximum resistance of 20Ω / 1000 ft.
- Nominal impedance 100 - 140Ω

Cable Connectors

Cabling must have a male XLR connector on one end and a female XLR connector on the other end.



CAUTION Do not allow contact between the common and the fixture's chassis ground. Grounding the common can cause a ground loop and your fixture to perform erratically. Test cables with OHM meter to verify correct polarity and to make sure the pins are not grounded or shorted to the shield or each other.

3-Pin to 5-Pin Conversion Chart

Note! If you use a controller with a 5 pin DMX output connector, you will need to use a 5 pin to 3 pin adapter. CHAUVET Model No: DMX5M.
The chart below details a proper cable conversion:

3 PIN TO 5 PIN CONVERSION CHART

Conductor	3 Pin Female (output)	5 Pin Male (Input)
Ground/Shield	Pin 1	Pin 1
Data (-)signal	Pin 2	Pin 2
Data (+) signal	Pin 3	Pin 3
Do not use		Do not use
Do not use		Do not use

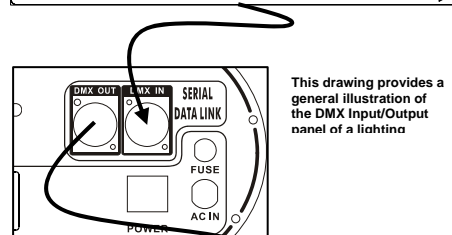
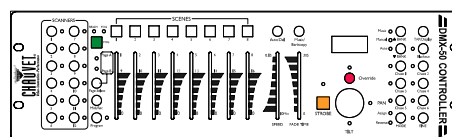
Setting up a DMX Serial Data Link

1. Connect the (male) 3 pin connector side of the DMX cable to the output (female) 3 pin connector of the controller.
2. Connect the end of the cable coming from the controller which will have a (female) 3 pin connector to the input connector of the next fixture consisting of a (male) 3 pin connector.
3. Then, proceed to connect from the output as stated above to the input of the following fixture and so on.

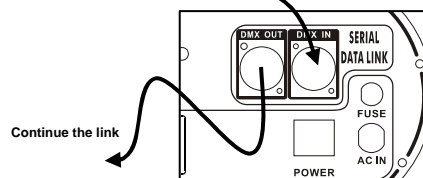
CHAUVET Certified DMX Data Cables

Order Code	Description
DMX1.5	DMX Cable 1.5m/4.9ft
DMX4.5	DMX Cable 4.5m/14.8ft
DMX10	DMX Cable 10m/32.8ft

Universal DMX Controller



This drawing provides a general illustration of the DMX Input/Output panel of a lighting fixture.



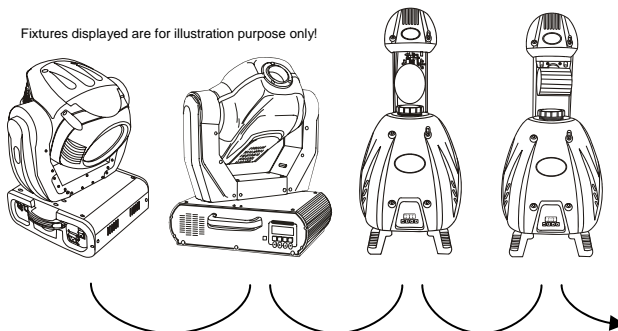
Continue the link

Standalone/Master-Slave Fixture Linking

4. Connect the (male) 3 pin connector side of the DMX cable to the output (female) 3 pin connector of the first fixture.
5. Connect the end of the cable coming from the first fixture which will have a (female) 3 pin connector to the input connector of the next fixture consisting of a (male) 3 pin connector. Then, proceed to connect from the output as stated above to the input of the following fixture and so on.

Often, the setup for Master-Slave and Standalone operation requires that the first fixture in the chain be initialized for this purpose via either settings in the control panel or DIP-switches. Secondly the fixtures that follow may also require a slave setting. Please consult the "Operating Instructions" section in this manual for complete instructions for this type of setup and configuration.

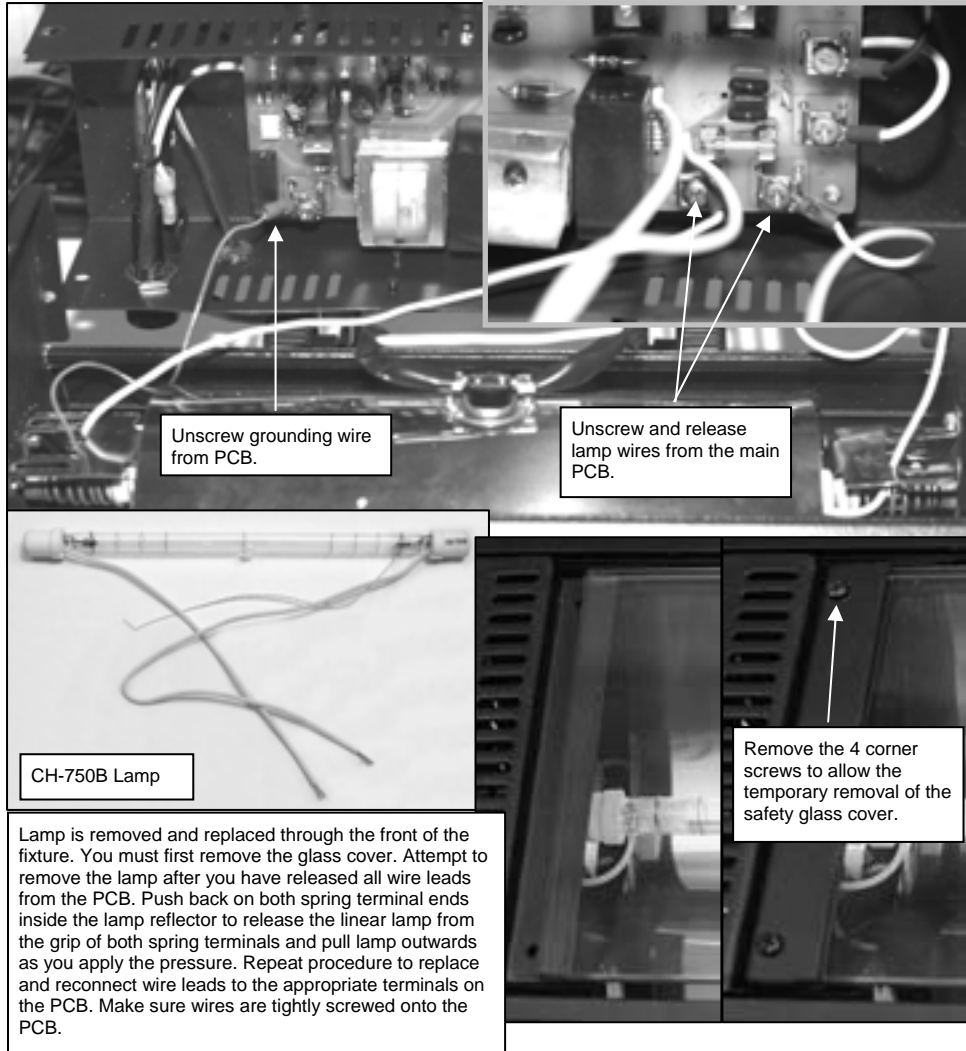
Fixtures displayed are for illustration purpose only!



Lamp Installation

When replacing the lamp, please wait 15 minutes after powering down to allow the unit to cool down! Always disconnect from main power prior to lamp replacement.

Do not touch the envelope (glass area) of the bulb with bare hands. If this happens, clean the lamp with alcohol and wipe it with a lint free cloth before installation.



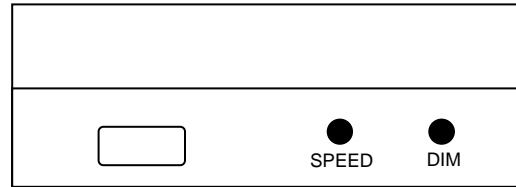
4. Operating Instructions

Operating Modes

- A stand-alone mode will allow the user to set the desired speed and intensity.
- Master/Slave output provides for unison triggering of chained strobes.
- DMX-512 control protocol allows remote control of the fixture via a universal DMX controller.

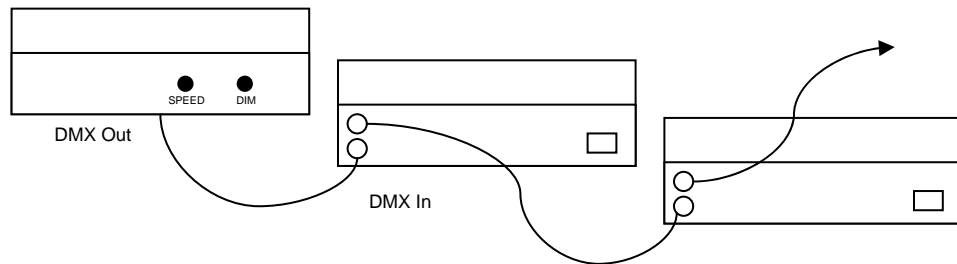
Stand Alone

The Stand Alone mode is activated automatically when the fixture is absent of a CH-751, SC-1000M or a DMX controller. **Note!** All dipswitches must be set to the OFF position. The strobe speed and strobe intensity can be adjusted and they are located on the side of the fixture. The strobe will continue to operate at the user set levels until it is turned off. Upon turning the strobe back on the unit will continue in the previously set levels.



Unison Strobe (Master/Slave)

The Unison strobe mode will allow you to link additional units in a daisy chain fashion. Simply, connect each fixture in a daisy like fashion using certified DMX XLR cable. Be sure that all DMX dipswitches are set to the OFF position.



DMX Control Mode

In this mode the user can control the strobe light remotely. Both the intensity and the flash rate can be programmed as part of a scene or a cue. To blackout the unit entirely it requires both intensity and flash rate to be at 0 levels.

1. Connect the (male) 3 pin connector side of the DMX cable to the output (female) 3 pin connector of the controller.
2. Connect the end of the cable coming from the controller which will have a (female) 3 pin connector to the input connector of the next fixture consisting of a (male) 3 pin connector.
3. Then, proceed to connect from the DMX output as stated above to the DMX input of the following fixture and so on.
4. If you need help setting the DMX address read the section titled "Setting the DMX address" in this Chapter.

Setting the DMX Address

Each fixture requires a "start address" from 1 to 511. A fixture requiring one or more channels for control begins to read the data on the channel indicated by the start address. For example, a fixture that occupies or uses 7 channels of DMX and was addressed to start on DMX channel 100, would read data from channels: 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106. Choose start addresses so that the channels used do not overlap and notate the start address selected for future reference. If this is your first time setting a DMX address then read the DMX Primer in the Appendix Section.

The ST-800X is controlled using 2 channels of DMX, therefore you would space fixtures every two channels. For example: Fixture 1 = (001), Fixture 2 = (003), Fixture 3 = (005) and so on.

Visit the section titled; Binary & DIP-switch Addressing on page 14 & Binary Addressing Quick Reference Chart on page 15 to quickly determine the binary DIP-switch settings for addressing your fixture.

5. Appendix

Returns Procedure

Returned merchandise must be sent prepaid and in the original packing, call tags will not be issued. Package must be clearly labeled with a Return Merchandise Authorization Number (RA #). Products returned without an RA # will be refused. Call CHAUVET and request RA # prior to shipping the fixture. Be prepared to provide the model number, serial number and a brief description of the cause for the return. Be sure to properly pack fixture, any shipping damage resulting from inadequate packaging is the customer's responsibility. CHAUVET reserves the right to use its own discretion to repair or replace product(s). As a suggestion, proper UPS packing or double-boxing is always a safe method to use.

Claims

Damage incurred in shipping is the responsibility of the shipper; therefore the damage must be reported to the carrier upon receipt of merchandise. It is the customer's responsibility to notify and submit claims with the shipper in the event that a fixture is damaged due to shipping. Any other claim for items such as missing component/part, damage not related to shipping, and concealed damage, must be made within seven (7) days of receiving merchandise.

Maintenance

To maintain optimum performance and minimize wear, fixtures should be cleaned frequently. Usage and environment are contributing factors in determining frequency. As a general rule, fixtures should be cleaned at least twice a month. Dust build up reduces light output performance and can cause overheating. This can lead to reduced lamp life and increased mechanical wear. Be sure to power off fixture before conducting maintenance.

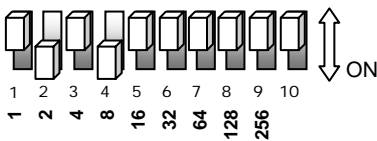
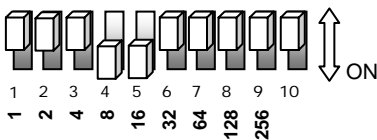
Unplug fixture from power. Use a vacuum or air compressor and a soft brush to remove dust collected on external vents and internal components. Clean all glass when the fixture is cold with a mild solution of glass cleaner or Isopropyl Alcohol and a soft lint free cotton cloth or lens tissue. Apply solution to the cloth or tissue and drag dirt and grime to the outside of the lens. Gently polish optical surfaces until they are free of haze and lint. Do not touch the lamp glass when cleaning fixture. Oil and dirt can cause damage and premature aging of the lamp. In the event that the lamp is touched or becomes dirty, clean the lamps with an alcohol wipe.

The cleaning of internal and external optical lenses and/or mirrors must be carried out periodically to optimize light output. Cleaning frequency depends on the environment in which the fixture operates: damp, smoky or particularly dirty surrounding can cause greater accumulation of dirt on the unit's optics. Clean with soft cloth using normal glass cleaning fluid. - Always dry the parts carefully. - Clean the external optics at least every 20 days. Clean the internal optics at least every 30/60 days.

Binary & DMX DIP-switch Addressing

Each DIP-switch has an associated value. Adding the value of each switch in the ON position will provide the final address. Determining which switches to toggle ON given a specific desired address or value can be accomplished in the following manner. By subtracting the largest switch value possible from the selected start address which does not cause a negative number.

Alternatively, using the "Binary Addressing Quick Reference Chart" in the Appendix section of this manual, you can go directly to DIP-switch settings associated with all 512 values available.

EXAMPLE ADDRESS																								
<p>Address 10</p> <p>Pin # 4 = 8 Pin # 2 = 2 Total = 10</p>																								
<p>Address 24</p> <p>Pin # 5 = 16 Pin # 4 = 8 Total = 24</p>																								
<p>Resolving address using simple math.</p> <p>Address 233</p>	<p>233 – (128) = 105, Turn ON Dip # 8 105 – (64) = 41, Turn ON Dip # 7 41 – (32) = 9, Turn ON Dip # 6 9 – (8) = 1, Turn ON Dip # 4 1 – (1) = 0, Turn ON Dip # 1</p> <p>You will most likely use the first available number which maybe number 1. This number was selected for tutorial purposes.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DIP SWITCH</th> <th>(DMX VALUE)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>32</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>64</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>128</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>256</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	DIP SWITCH	(DMX VALUE)	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	8	5	16	6	32	7	64	8	128	9	256	10	
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Binary Addressing Quick Reference Chart

DMX & Binary Address Quick Reference Chart

DIP-switch Position

DMX DIP-SWITCH SET					#9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
0=OFF					#8	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1		
1=ON					#7	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1		
X=OFF or ON					#6	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
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DIP-switch Position

DMX Address

DMX Channel Values

CHANNEL	VALUE	FUNCTION
1	000 ⇔ 255	Flash Rate Slow <> Fast
2	000 ⇔ 255	Flash Intensity Blackout <> Full Brightness

Technical Specifications

WEIGHT & DIMENSIONS

Length	320 mm (12.6 in)
Width	207 mm (8.15 in)
Height	136 mm (5.35 in)
Weight	2.6 Kgs (5.8 lbs)
Master Pack.....	(4 pcs) 10.9 Kgs (24.0 lbs)

POWER

Operating Voltage	110V or 230V 50/60 Hz
AC input.....	IEC 60320 C14

THERMAL

Auto-reset thermal switch - maximum ambient temperature.....	40° (104° F)
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FUSE

Main.....	20mm Glass 20A Fast Blow
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CONTROL & PROGRAMMING

Data input	locking 3-pin XLR male socket
Data output	3-pin XLR female socket
Data pin configuration	pin 1 shield, pin 2 (-), pin 3 (+)
Protocols.....	DMX-512 USITT
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